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1. PORTUGUESE COMMUNIST PARTY SECRETARY GENERAL
ALVARO CUNHAL
VISITED POLAND JUNE 13 - 17 AT THE
INVITATION OF PZPR FIRST SECRETARY EDWARD GIEREK.
CUNHAL, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE PCP SECRETARY
FOR IDEOLOGICAL AND PROPAGANDA AFFAIRS AND YOUTH,
JORGE EAUK##, WAS GIVEN A HIGH-LEVEL RECEPTION
BY THE POLISH PARTY. HE HELD TALKS WITH GIEREK
IN A "FRIENDLY MEETING" ATTENDED BY POLITBURO MEMBER AND PARTY SECRE-
TARY EDWARD BABIUCH, PARTY SECRETARIES RYSZARD FRELEK AND ANDRZEJ
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WERBLAN, AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE FOREIGN DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR WACLAW
PIATKOWSKI AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR BOGUMIL SUJKA. CUNHAL ALSO GAVE A
LECTURE ON THE PORTUGUESE POLITICAL SITUATION AND "THE DEVELOPMENT OF
THE PORTUGUESE REVOLUTIONARY PROCESS" AT THE PARTY HIGHER SCHOOL OF
SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND VISITED GDANSK AND OLSZTYN IN NORTHERN POLAND.

2. A COMMUNIQUE ON THE VISIT, PUBLISHED JUNE 19 IN THE POLISH PARTY

DAILY TRYBUNA LUDU, SET OUT THE PARTIES' AGREEMENT ON A RANGE OF INTER-PARTY AND INTERNATIONAL ISSUES. AMONG THE MAIN POINTS IN THE COMMUNIQUE WERE THESE:

- A. EXPRESSING THE NEED FOR "IDEOLOGICAL UNITY AND INTERNATIONALIST SOLIDARITY" OF THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT, THE PARTIES EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF INTER-PARTY COOPERATION IN REALIZING THE "JOINT PROGRAM OF STRUGGLE FOR PEACE, SECURITY AND SOCIAL PROGRESS IN EUROPE" ADOPTED AT THE 1976 BERLIN CONFERENCE OF CPS.
 - B. IN DISCUSSING CURRENT EUROPEAN AND WORLD DEVELOPMENTS, THE PARTIES STRESSED THE "CRUCIAL ROLE IN STRENGTHENING INTERNATIONAL SECURITY AND PEACE...(OF) THE...PEACEFUL INITIATIVES OF THE SOVIET UNION, POLAND AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES..." IN PROMOTING DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT. (COMMENT: IT MAY BE WORTH NOTING IN PASSING THAT POLAND GOT A CALL IN THIS CONNECTION ALONG WITH THE USSR, WHICH OFTEN SEEMS TO GET EXCLUSIVE CREDIT FOR DETENTE/DISARMAMENT INITIATIVES WITHIN THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT. END COMMENT.)
 - C. THEY "RESOLUTELY DENOUNCED" THE MILITARY INTERVENTION OF IMPERIALIST FORCES IN AFRICA WHICH THREATEN PEACE IN THAT CONTINENT."
 - D. BOTH PARTIES "EXPRESSED THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF MOZAMBIQUE IN THEIR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE DESIGNS OF INTERNATIONAL REACTION".
 - E. THEY "SUPPORTED THE ASPIRATIONS TO BRING ABOUT A JUST AND COMPREHENSIVE MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT BASED ON DISCONTINUING THE POLICY OF AGGRESSION AND THE OCCUPATION OF ARAB TERRITORIES. (COMMENT: ISRAEL WAS NOT SPECIFIED IN THIS CONNECTION. END COMMENT.)
- REALIZATION OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S RIGHTS TO INDEPENDENCE
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AND STATEHOOD, AND GUARANTEED SECURITY FOR ALL COUNTRIES OF THE REGION".

F. THE PZPR AND PCP WELCOME THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLISH-PORTUGUESE COOPERATION SINCE THE TWO COUNTRIES ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, AND REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO DEVELOPING THAT COOPERATION.

3. THE COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDED WITH THE STATEMENT THAT THE VISIT TOOK PLACE IN AN ATMOSPHERE OF WARM AND SINCERE FRIENDSHIP AND WAS MARKED BY UNITY OF VIEWS ON ALL QUESTIONS DISCUSSED. (COMMENT: REFERENCE TO UNITY OF VIEWS WAS MIYAIN OF THE COMMUNIQUE ON GIEREK'S TWO MOST RECENT PREVIOUS MEETING WITH FOREIGN PARTY CHIEFSQI NAMELY, HUSAK AND TITJUM OBVIOUSLY, HOWEVER, THE PZPR'S RELATIONS WITH THE PCP DO NOT HAVE THE SAME DEPTH, OR INVOLVE THE RANGE OF PROBLEMS, AS THOSE WITH THE RULING PARTIES OF CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND YUGOSLAVIA. END COMMENT.)

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